

[23 March, 2001]

RAJYA SABHA

**Supply of Coal to UKAI TPS**

3157. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gujarat State Electricity Board has represented to supply 2 lakh MT coal to Ukai TPS from WCL;

(b) whether it is also a fact that linkage committee cleared this proposal but the railway officers are not agreeing to it though the railway's one member is a member of the linkage Committee; and

(c) what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No Sir. The Standing Linkage Committee, during its meeting in December' 2000 did not approve supply of two lakh tonnes of coal from Western Coalfield Ltd. to Ukai for the quarter January-March, 2001. However, during January, 2001 Chairman of the Standing Linkage Committee, agreed for revision of linkage for Ukai thermal power station and a letter was issued for additional 50,000 tonnes per month from Western Coalfield Ltd. without the consent of the Railways. As this revision in linkage was not issued with the approval of the linkage committee (which includes representatives from Railways) and it had adverse financial implications for the Railways, Ministry of Railways did not agree for the same.

**Construction of over-bridges at Hafeezpet and Bollaram**

3158. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been requested to integrate two MoUs into one for construction of over-bridges at Hafeezpet and Bollaram as construction of one over-bridge was given to a private company;